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# The Eskalya Chronicle

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Nov/Dec 2008

*Unto the populace of Eskalya do We, Breock and Margaret Anne send Greetings, As the long days of winter deign to descend upon the Barony and we turn towards the hearth and home, We ask the populace to take the time this winter season to come and join Us at the events of Time for Tudor and the Eskalyan Yule. We look forwards to the enjoyable fun of Time for Tudor and to the time of celebration at Yule.*

*Yule is also the time that I will need to choose a new champion from amongst the heavy weapons fighters. I invite all fighters who wish to enter to come and do so. One does not need to be a member of the Barony in order to fight in the tournament. The winner is chosen based upon skill and the examples of chivalry and honor that they show both on and off the field. I look forwards to observing this contest of arms and seeing the strength and skill of all fighters.*

*We also ask that every member of the Barony think of ways to enrich and to help sponsor growth in the Barony. If every person could bring one new member in Our numbers would grow and We could create a more vibrant and dynamic barony, without new members we miss out on opportunities to bring new skills and ideas into Eskalya.*

*Please also be reminded that at Yule we will be doing another personanimal auction, We encourage all to dress up a stuffed animal to represent either a historical personage or to represent a member of the populace at large. Last Newcomer's event there was some truly outstanding animals created by Lady Elizabeth and they were big hits with the people. Let's see if we can equal or better last summer's total.*

*We would also like to remind all that Breock and I are here to help and support you, if you have questions or concerns about the Barony please come and converse with us so that We might know what issues are being faced.*

*We wish to all members a happy and prosperous holiday season, may you receive the warmth and joy of the season, in service to the Barony We remain,*

*-Breock and Margaret Anne, Baron and Baroness of Eskalya*

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## Ongoing Barony Activities!

### **A&S Night**

A&S night will be the second Friday of the month at the Baronial Manor at 7 pm. November will be Ribbon Rose making. There will be no A&S in December. Contact Baroness Margaret Anne for driving instructions at 332-5551.

### **Bardic**

Sing along on with friends to your favorite SCA songs at Eskalya's Bardic on the first Wednesday of the month at 7pm at Mistress Anne's house. Please call 338-4692 (before 10 pm) for directions if you are visiting for the first time.

### **Brewmeister Night**

Explore your love of beer and brewing with Alaryn on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 7 pm. Please call 222-6751 for driving directions.

### **Fighter Practice**

Fighter Practice occurs at 1 pm each Sunday at Mistress Anne's house. Both Heavy and rapier fighters are welcome. Contact Knight Marshal Lilandra of Sheep Rock 441-1917 for more information.

### **St. Guinefort Meeting**

Fourth Friday of the month at 6 pm in the Leadership Lab at the Student Union on the UAA Campus. Contact Alaryn Aecenstaeff at 222-6751

### **Philosophy night**

A discussion group for fighters which covers fighting philosophy, humor and the sharing of cool ideas. This group started as a way to cover those types of discussion that we just don't have time for at a fighter practice or during a lesson. Fourth Monday of the month at 7 pm at Mistress Sorcha's. Please call 562-1989 for directions if you are visiting for the 1<sup>st</sup> time.

### **Bear Steel School Practice**

Practices are Tuesday nights at 7 pm at Mistress Sorcha's. Please call 562-1989 for additional information.

### **Archery Practice**

Archery practice has been suspended until the fluffy white snow melts and summer returns to Oertha.

### **Baronial Business Meeting**

Meets at the Baronial Manor on the third Friday of the month at 7 pm. Potluck begins at 6 pm. Contact Elizabeth for more information at 222-6751.



## *Upcoming Events!*

### **Time for Tudor**

*Eskalya*                      *September 20, 2008*

Have you ever wanted to sail the seas in search of Adventure? Have you ever had a hankering to just dig in the dirt hoping to find "Treasure"? Have you ever wished that your sailing could win you riches and perhaps the favor of royalty?

Come one, Come all to an evening of Pirates and Privateers as we celebrate our nautical heritage. With Song, dance and celebration.

There will be fun for the young and of course the young at heart!! There will be fun and games galore, test your meddle. Press your luck, trying avoid the black spot. Or risk being arrested on site as your warrant is collected?

Have you been naughty or nice? Do you or do you not have the favor of your Royalty? Come find out if you can acquire such a prize.

We'll dig for treasure; we'll feast on seafaring foods (a little improved for our modern taste buds).

There will be some appetizer foods provided, please bring something to share.

As will Anti-Scurvy punch be provided, if you've other preference please bring your own beverage to partake of.

Nautical Knot contest, something pre-tied, but please bring documented on what it would have been used for.

Best "Authentic" Seafarers Costume time period of 1600-1650 will be accepted.

\*\*\*We will also be holding the Baronial Master or Mistress of Ambrosia Contest at this event. If you have never entered this event, what it means is that you create your best dessert item and enter it into the contest for the chance to be named M/M of Ambrosia for a year. \*\*\*

Time: 5pm-9pm, with clean up till 10pm

Date: November 8, 2008

Location: The Fairview Recreation Center, 1121 E. 10th Avenue, Anchorage

Directions: Catch you best wind to the street of Ingra, and follow it quite a ways to the north (towards downtown) proceed to turn Starboard (That's Right for you not yet nautical minds) on 13th Avenue, continue to catch the wind for few more blocks cut a hard to Port (Left) onto Medfra Street, proceed North to bare a mild Port turn onto 10th Avenue, proceed to the 1121 E. 10th Address on the Starboard side. Dock your ship, be sure to pay the docking fee once you have disembarked your ship.

Site fee: \$7.00 Ages: Adult - 13

Ages: 12-7: \$5.00

Ages: 6-0 Free

If you have questions please contact the Autocrat Bianca Rose Byrnes at <mailto: [bianca267@yahoo.com](mailto:bianca267@yahoo.com)> [bianca267@yahoo.com](mailto:bianca267@yahoo.com), or by phone at (907)903-0937.

## Yule

Selviergard December 6, 2008

The Barony of Selviergard invites the Knowne World to celebrate the joyous season of Yule with us. There will be much feasting and fun, including a gift exchange plus the annual Rock, Paper, Scissors contest, to decide the Lord and Lady of Misrule! There will be a heavy combat and rapier tournament to appoint two Holly Lords/Ladies. A&S will be a rock candy and tree ornament contests. Feast will be potluck, with meats and breads provided.

Please bring a dish according to your birth month: January-April side dish, May-August veggies, and September-December desserts.

Site information: Site is dry. Site is open from 9 am to 10 pm. Site Fee \$5.00 13 and up, children under 12 free, Family cap \$15, \$3.00 NMS. Make checks payable to SCA Inc. -Selviergard.

Autocrat: Master Fathir von Trier (Bryan Nelson)/ 2301 N. Beanie St / Wasilla, AK 99654 / 907-357-1434 / [b3nelsons@gci.net](mailto:b3nelsons@gci.net)

Directions: BSA Camp Gorsuch, 22700 Camp Gorsuch Road, Chugiak, AK, 23 miles N of Anchorage, 18 miles South of Palmer, From South: take Mirror Lake exit, left on Old Glenn ½ mile to Camp Gorsuch road, follow road ½ mile back to Lodge. From North: Mirror Lake exit, left through underpass, right on Old Glenn, 1/8 mile then left onto Camp Gorsuch road, follow to lodge.

## Upcoming A&S Competitions!

- *Nautical Knots- Time for Tudor, Nov 8*
- *Best "Authentic" Seafarers Costume- Time for Tudor, Nov 8*
- *Mistress/Master of Ambrosia, Time for Tudor, Nov 8*
- *Rock Candy Competition, Selviergard Yule, Dec 6*
- *Tree Ornament Contest, Selviergard Yule, Dec 06*
- *Personal Banners- Eskalyan Yule, Dec 13*
- *Sweet Breads- Eskalyan Yule, Dec 13*
- *Ornament in any mode- Winter's Gate Yule- Dec 6*
- *Carved objects smaller than 6 inches- Winter Coronet, Jan 17*
- *Bookmarks, any mode- Winter Coronet- Jan 17*
- *Best Use of Lavender flowers, Winter Coronet, Jan 17*
- *Dress a Fighter- Winter Coronet, Jan 17*

## Upcoming Baronial A&S Night Topics:

November: Ribbon Roses  
December: No A&S for the Holidays  
January: No Activity for Coronet.

## **Yule**

*Winters Gate*

*December 6, 2008*

The Barony of Winter's Gate invites one and all to our celebration of the Yuletide season on Saturday, December 6th 2008. May the colors of Red, Green and Gold brighten the winter dark and remind of the light that shall be returning as the season wheel turns. May the Yule log burn bright and may the warmth of our company keep the cold at bay.

Some of the activities planned for this event are: a Heraldic Quest a kids activity making marzipan creations, and a Yule tree to decorate, an A&S competition for Illusion Foods. We will also be holding a donation rummage sale to help raise funds for the Barony and a canned food drive to benefit the Fairbanks Food Bank for this Holiday Season. The annual gift exchange can't be forgotten. Please bring one wrapped gift (under 15\$) per person who wishes to participate.

Dinner will be a potluck dinner with a Pork Roast provided by the Barony. There will be Wassail and Cider available as well. Please bring a dish that will feed 8-10 people.

Site Information: Yule will be held at the North Star Council on Aging at 1424 Moore St, Fairbanks AK 99701. Site will be open at 10am until 10pm and site fee is \$7 per person (\$10 non-members) Ages 12 and older. Ages 11 and under are free.

Autocrats: Mimm of Winter's Gate (Margery, Iirynia, Morgana and Magda)

Main contact: Margery (Michele Griffin) /4523 Stanford Dr /Fairbanks AK 99709/ (907)456-2492/  
[motherchaos@gci.net](mailto:motherchaos@gci.net)

## **Eskalyan Yule**

*Eskalya*

*December 13, 2008*

Their Excellencies Broeck and Margaret Anne, Eighth Baron and Baroness invite one and all to celebrate the Yule season with them at the baronial hunting lodge.

There will be fighting, feasting and artisan contests to fill the day and a tree to trim. The Baroness will choose a champion during the heavy fighter tourney. An Arts and Sciences Champion will be chosen from entrants in the following contests: Personal banners and Sweet Breads in any mode-extra points for gluten free recipes and of course, documentation. Feast will be hearty and family style.

Site information- Viking Hall, 8141 Briarwood St., Anchorage. The hall opens at 11 am and closes at 10 pm. In years past there have been holiday decorations in place, and we will hang personal banners amongst them. Site Fee: \$19 for members, \$22 for nonmembers, \$12 for children ages 6-12. Children 5 and under free. Contact the autocrat for the family rate. Please RSVP the autocrat by email for a headcount for feast.

Autocrat: Anne Young (Annora of Shadowood) 9541 Victor Rd., Anchorage, AK 99515/ 907-344-5753 (hm) 907-244-8581 (cell). [cinquefoildor@hotmail.com](mailto:cinquefoildor@hotmail.com).

Directions: Take your best route to Dimond Blvd traveling west (away from the mountains) between Old Seward Highway and New Seward highway. Turn right (north) on Briarwood and travel approximately ½ block and Viking Hall is on the right.

## **Hear ye! Hear ye!**

### **Oerthan Chronicler Seeks Deputy!**

Very little responsibility, but required to have access to a computer with spell check. Contact Ragn at [ragnsolvi2003@alaska.net](mailto:ragnsolvi2003@alaska.net)

### **Eskalya Wants You!**

The Barony of Eskalya is seeking officers for the following vacant offices: Chiurgeon, Gold key and Children's Minster. Contact the seneschal for additional information

**From the Herald:** If members of the populace are interested in developing a device and name or just want a hand with the paperwork, please let me know! [clairemargery@gmail.com](mailto:clairemargery@gmail.com)

**From the Web Minister:** Officers, please let me know if your information is incorrect. Also, photos from the populace would be appreciated!  
[clairemargery@gmail.com](mailto:clairemargery@gmail.com)

**From Lists:** If you want to learn how to run lists, please let me know so I can set up a class.

### **Coronet News!**

1. If you want to help with set up/tear down, let us know!
  2. Don't forget to RSVP so Mistress Anne can get the right amount of food.
  3. See number 1.
- [wintercoronet09@yahoo.com](mailto:wintercoronet09@yahoo.com)

### **Guild News: Ivory Thimble**

A guild devoted to those who love string! With the upcoming holidays the new meeting dates are as follows:

November: Friday, 11/21 at 6:30 pm, Artic Needle. Discussion on surface embroidery, sumptuary laws and class distinction.

December: Wednesday 12/10 at 6:30 pm, Arctic Needle

Karen Bente  
Arctic Needle  
4101 Arctic Blvd. Suite 105  
Anchorage, AK 99503  
907-562-6500

## **Newcomers Corner!**

### ***What does the Baronial Seneschal do?***

The Eskalyan Seneschal is responsible for the overall administration of the Barony. She interprets Law for the Their Excellencies, ensures that Corpora branch requirements are being met on the local level, and coordinates the efforts of the Baronial Officers through monthly officer meetings. Additionally the Baronial Seneschal is a legal signatory for the Barony and is responsible for signing warrants, event contracts and fiduciary documents on behalf of the SCA.

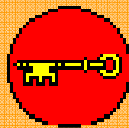
The Eskalyan Seneschal reports to the Principality and Kingdom Seneschals on a quarterly basis, giving a summary of activity in the Barony. These reports include a statement as to whether each local officer reported to his/her Kingdom superior, summaries of events and demos, and questions and issues.

If you are interested in becoming a deputy (or deputy successor) for this office, please contact the acting seneschal Bianca Rose Byrnes (refer to the office list at the end of this newsletter).



*The first snow is on the ground and the Holidays are almost upon us. The Principality has less than 60 cookbooks left and they make a wonderful unique gift for friends and family. With over 300 recipes these cookbooks are a charming gift for anyone who loves food (whether they play SCA or not).*

*Cookbooks are 12.00\$. Contact Catrionia or Alienor for more information at [Oerthacooks@yahoo.com](mailto:Oerthacooks@yahoo.com)*



## *Keynotes....*

*Greetings Unto the populace of Eskalya,*

*As winter approaches, this is a good opportunity to begin new projects, please add to your list a project of recruiting. We are all in need of deputies for our officers and offices; we are all in need of others with like interests to share our knowledge and camaraderie with. Think about just chatting up the Barony and what you do and like about it, you would be surprised how interesting it can be.*

*Since taking over the office in September, I have held two business meetings that have been quite well attended. Lets be sure to put the business meeting dates and times on our agenda's and please do attend, as usual I would like to let everyone know that business meetings are for the populace as well. Please consider attending and see the workings of your Barony.*

*We have our Time for Tudor event coming up November 8th, I look forward to seeing you all there it should be a lot of fun. And also our Baronial Yule event coming up on December 13th; what a fun time for the rest of the year.*

*Yours in Service,  
Viscountess Bianca Rose Byrnes  
Seneschal of Eskalya*



Why this doesn't work for SCA Heraldry: The horned helmet wasn't used in, well, any period. It first came into being in a production of a Wagnerian opera (probably "der Ring") in the early 20th century, and was associated with the Norse Gods and warriors ever since. Who says designers don't have influence? ...though true effort in historical accuracy isn't always appreciated.

Horned (and winged) helmets/caps appear (affontee) in SCA arms, but they aren't a charge used in period heraldry. Best to stick with a drinking horn.



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